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PITTSFIELD WOMAN SENTENCED
FOR METHAMPHETAMINE DISTRIBUTION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono; Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service Peter Zegarac; Resident Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration Leo Ducey and New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, announced that Margaret Barcus, age 30, of Pittsfield, New Hampshire was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in connection with the Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute and Use of the Mail to Commit a Controlled Substance Offense.

The charges filed by the United States allege that Barcus possessed with intent to distribute 47.26 grams of the drug on April 9, 2004 and that the entire scheme involved between 200 to 300 grams. Barcus was sentenced by U. S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. to a term of 33 months in prison and was placed on three years probation after her release. Barcus had entered pleas of guilty to the charges in September, 2004.

United States Attorney Colantuono stated, "Methamphetamine, a dangerous drug that is extremely addictive, is a growing threat in our state which we take very seriously. My office will continue to commit appropriate federal resources to investigations and prosecutions involving methamphetamine production and distribution."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the efforts of the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England HIDTA Task Force and the NH Attorney General's Drug Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.